

Rollins, Christopher

From: Keener, Bill
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 5:25 PM
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MEDIA

Vallejo Times-Herald: Reporter Jessica York wants information about a de-commissioned Coast Guard vessel from the Suisun Bay mothball fleet that is being towed to Mexico for dismantling. Checking with HQ on national protocol for EPA role in export. OPEN (v) ENF. David Yogi.

Two Rivers Tribune - Reporter Kristan Korns requested info on Hoopa Tribe asphalt plant, coordinated with CED, WTR and ENF, sent response - CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan

KQED Central Valley: Reporter Alice Daniel contacted about potential interview on Monday or Tuesday. WATER. OPEN. Nahal Mogharabi.

WEB

Social Media:

Admin. McCarthy's First 100 Days - Posted to Facebook and retweeted a HQ Twitter post congratulating Gina McCarthy on her [first 100 days as Administrator](#).

Children's Health Month – Posted information about mold to Facebook and Twitter and provided a link to the [EPA Mold page](#).

Web Updates:

NEPA Comments: Posted comments on the Hydrogen Energy California Project (HECA) DEIS to the [NEPA Department of Energy page](#) and posted comments on the Coachella Valley DEIS to the [NEPA US Fish and Wildlife Service page](#).

Tribal Program - Posted twenty link corrections on eleven pages of the [Tribal Solid Waste website](#).

Online Updates:

RCRA/UST Lead Region – Updated the November calendar and added notes and documents from the October 23 RCRA Monthly Call to the [RCRA/UST Lead Region intranet site](#)

Human Resources – Edited the [About HR](#) page to update personnel info, and the [Performance Management](#) page to remove outdated material and add Agency Benchmark Standards document.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): Brent Maier was copied on a letter from Senator Dianne Feinstein to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy dated October 28, 2013 requesting that EPA place a full-time “civil” investigator in Fresno to address the growing marijuana cultivation problem. We are awaiting word on whether this letter will be controlled from HQ to EPA Region IX for development of a response. A copy of the incoming letter is available upon request.

Sen. Mark Begich (D-AK): OCIR’s Raquel Snyder contacted Brent Maier and shared an e-mail from a Legislative Assistant in the Senator’s office who reached out to Arvin Ganeson in EPA HQ noting in a message that the Senator’s office understands that EPA is in contact with Pacific Tugboat company of San Diego regarding the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS. The company is towing the WWII vintage cutter to Ensenada, Mexico for scrapping. Senator Begich’s office has been provided information that the cutter is not PCB-free as had been previously considered. A 2000 inspection found encapsulated PCBs above 50 ppm that were detected in at least two samples of foam insulation. They believe that the export of such a contamination is prohibited by the Toxic Substances Control Act and the Basel Convention. The staffer shared that Senator Begich has a long standing interest in this vessel and hope EPA considers this information seriously before determining its disposition. Brent has reached out to Christopher Rollins and Doug McDaniel in our Enforcement Division and will follow up with OCIR and the Senator’s office with any information we can provide them. A call is tentatively scheduled for 10:00am on Tuesday, October 29th and expected participants include Doug McDaniel and Christopher Rollins (ENF) and OCIR’s Raquel Snyder, OSWER’s Randy Deitz, and Region IX Congressional Liaison, Cindy Schuster.

Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23): Brent Maier shared a PDF copy of a comment letter sent by EPA Region IX to the U.S. Department of Energy and California Energy Commission to Kyle Lombardi, Legislative Director, and Vince Fong, District Director, in the Office of Congressman Kevin McCarthy regarding the Preliminary Staff Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Hydrogen Energy California Project (HECA), Kern County, California.

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40): Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard sent a letter to Administrator Gina McCarthy inviting EPA to send a representative to a Los Angeles River Day event the Congresswoman is hosting on Capitol Hill on October 29th at 10:00 a.m. Given that the event is on Capitol Hill, contacted OCIR to see if they can work with the Office of Water to see if they might be able to send a representative. Brent Maier heard today from OCIR’s Denis Borum that Office of Water’s Chief of Staff, Greg Peck, will participate for EPA. The letter was re-controlled from Region IX back to HQ and closed out.